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TAGS: ILO, PORG, CI, PLO

SUBJECT: ILO CONCERANCE--CHILE RESOLUTION

REF: GENEVA 4497

1. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
PLO ISSUE RAISED IN REFTEL OR THE WEIGHT TO BE GIVEN TO IT IN
DETERMINING HOW US DEL SHOULD VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION ON CHILA.
BUT WE CAN FULLY UNDERSTAND THA GOC DEL'S DESIRE TO GAIN MAXIMUM
SUPPORT FOR A MODERATE RESOLUTION (PARA 7 REFTEL), ESPECIALLY
SINCE GOC FONOFF HAS MADE IT REPEATEDLY CLEAR TO US HERE THAT THEY
TAKE THIS MATTER VERY SERIOUSLY.

2. LOOKING AT THE CHILE RESOLUTION IN ITS OWN TERMS, HOWEVER,
WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT IF ADOPTED IT WOULD PUSH ILO JUDGEMENT
ON THE CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM, AS RELATED TO TRADE UNION
MATTERS, BEYOND THE POINT REACHED BY THE ILO COMMISSION AND
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THE GOVERNING BODY. IF THAT IS SO, WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE U.S.

GOVT. REP. CONTINUE TO ABSTAIN.

3. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED RESPONSIBLE INVESTIGATION OF CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES, AND GOC HAS PERMITTED SUCH INVESTIGATIONS TO TAKE PLACE, ALBEIT WITH INCREASING LACK OF ENTHUSIASM. IT MAKES SENSE FOR PROPERLY CONCERNED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO ACK THEIR DECISIONS ON THE RESULTS OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS. TO GO BEYOND THEM HIGHLIGHTS THE POLITICAL CHARACTER OF THE CONFERENCE DECISION TO BE TAKEN, AND TENDS TO UNDERCUT DESIRABILITY OF THE INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES, AT LEAST IN GOC EYES.

4. THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED. IF U.S. GOVT REPS SHOULD MOVE FROM ABSTENTION TO APPROVAL, SUSPICIOUS CHILEANS MAY LINK THIS MOVE WITH JUNE 13 DISCLOSURE OF OUR NEW PAROLE PROGRAM FOR CHILEAN DETAINEES, AND DRAW CONCLUSION THAT US POLICY TOWARD CHILE WAS BEING MODIFIED. WE SEE NO POINT IN CONVEYING SUCH A SIGNAL UNLESS WE FULLY INTEND TO DO SO. (

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